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SUBJ: FO (FORCE OURVRIERE)/ AFL- CIO MEETING IN WASHINGTON

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1. FO ANNOUNCED 19 MAR THAT ANDRE' BERGERON, SEC. GEN, AND
GABRIEL VENTEJOL, CONFEDERAL SEC. IN CHARGE OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS,
WILL VISIT WASHINGTON 5 APRIL FOR MEETINGS WITH GEORGE MEANEY
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AND OTHER AFL- CIO LEADERS ON INTERNATIONAL MONETARY AND ECONOMIC QUESTIONS.

2. BERGERON TOLD LABATT THAT HE WAS PLEASED BY MEANY' S FAVORABLE RESPONSE TO HIS SUGGESTION FOR SUCH MEETING (REFTEL) AND PROMPTNESS WITH WHICH DATE WAS FIXED. HE ADDED THAT SIFNIFI- CANCE OF HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON NOT SO MUCH IN POSSIBLE CONT- RIBUTION TO SOLUTION OF COMPLEX INTERNATIONAL MONETARY QUESTION AS IN OPPORTUNITY EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH LEADERS OF LARGEST FREE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WORLD.

3. BERGERON SAID ALSO THAT HE LOOKS TO HIS WASHINGTON VISIT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT TO AFL- CIO LEADERS THE EUROPEAN WORKERS' CONCERN ABOUT EFFECT OF INTERNATIONAL MONETARY SITUATION ON THEIR JOB SECURITY.

4. COMMENT: BERGERON REMAINS AS CONVINCED AS EVER THAT FURURE AND DEMOCRATIC LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE DEPENDS UPON SOLIDARITY WITH AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT. HE PROBABLY HOPES THAT 5 APRIL MEETING WILL BE ONLY THE FIRST OF PERIODIC SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS BETWEEN AFL- CIO AND FO AS PART OF AN EFFORT TO GENERATE RENEWED AND ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE EUROPEAN LABOR SCENE BY THE AFL- CIO LEADERS AND RANK- AND- FILE
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